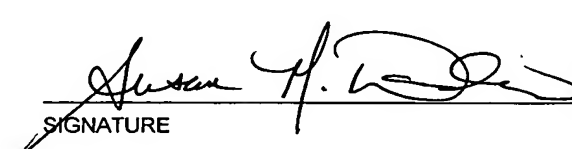


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/551716</b> Unassigned
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/002975	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 08 March 2004 (08.03.2004)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 03 April 2003 (03.04.2003)		
TITLE OF INVENTION  FLUID-OPERATED VALVE				
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Takeshi HAMADA and Toshihiro HANADA				
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission to items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (22) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>				
Items 11 to 21 below concern document(s) or information included:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <u>1) Application Data Sheet; 2) General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees; 3) Copy of PCT Request; 4) Form PCT/IB/308; 5) Form PCT/ISA/210 (International Search Report).</u></li> </ol>				

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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: <u>ASAHI ORGANIC CHEMICALS INDUSTRY CO., LTD., Miyazaki, Japan.</u> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____		<b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b>      	
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:			
Basic Filing Fee (1631)		\$ 300.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 (1617) for furnishing the oath or declaration later than _____ months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30			
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE \$
Total Claims	7 - 20 =	0	X \$50.00 (1615) \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0	X \$200.00 (1614) \$ 0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00 (1616)
Examination Fee			+ \$200.00 (1633) \$ 200.00
Search Fee			+ \$500.00 (1632) \$ 500.00
App. Size Fee (add \$250.00 for each add'l 50 sheets exceeding 100 sheets)			
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =			\$ 1,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.			+ \$ 0.00
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 (8021) per property +			\$ 40.00
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =			\$ 1,040.00
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a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.			
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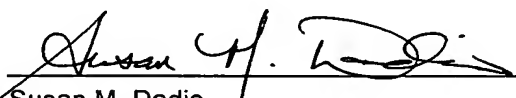
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